



# Ship Fact Sheet



## KISTNA (1924)

Base data at 19 March 1924. Compiled April 2009

\* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	General cargo ship
P&O Group service	1924-1951
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former names(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd
Yard	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Country	UK
Yard number	1152
Registry	Glasgow, UK
Official number	147586
Signal letters	KQCT
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	1,466 grt
Net tonnage	672 nrt
Deadweight	
Length	87.47m (287.0ft) loa; 84.82m (278.3ft) b/p
Breadth	12.19m (40.0ft)
Depth	4.32m (14.2ft)
Draught	5.120m (16.8ft)
Engines	6-cylinder 2SCSA Neptune diesel engine
Engine builders	Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd
Works	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Country	UK
Power	1,100 bhp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	10 knots (service); 11.8 knots (trials)
Passenger capacity	12
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment	Singapore/Bangkok feeder service

**Career**

- 21.12.1923: Launched.
- 19.03.1924: Completed as *Kistna* for British India Steam Navigation Company at a cost of £79,800. Her trials were so successful that she sailed therefore directly to Singapore.
- 03.1940: Taken up under the Liner Division.
- 1941: Fitted as a Cased Petrol Carrier for service in the Mediterranean.
- 11.1944: Refitted as an Armament Stores Issuing Ship for the British Pacific Fleet, being based at Manus in a largely stationary role.
- 07.1946: Returned to commercial service at Bangkok.
- 11.06.1951: Sold for £45,000 to the Heap Eng Moh Steamship Company Ltd, Singapore, and renamed *Giang Bee*.
- 1960: Sold to Cathay Shipping Corporation, Panama, and renamed *Kim Hwa*.
- 1964: Sold to Cia de Nav Santos, Panama, who renamed her *Romeo* and then *Sinoe*.
- 1966: Reverted to *Romeo* with the same owners.
- 1966: Sold to King Line SA, Panama, and renamed *King Horse*.
- 1971: Broken up by National Shipbreakers Pte Ltd.

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